a view to encourage exports to permit exporting units to import raw material duty free required for such exports.

Demand for LPG Cylinders in the country

2999. DR MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a the number of units manufacturing LPG cylinders in the country during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and so far in the current financial year;

(b) the number of cylinders manufactured by these units in these years;

(c) what is the total demand for these cylinders in he country;

(d) whether these units are in a position to meet the demand for cylinders in the country; and

(e) if not, by when the units will be in a position to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of cylinder manufacturing units in the country is given below:

	No. of Units
1985-86	54
1986-87	78
1987-88	83

(b) The number of cylinders purchased by the oil industry from these units are given below:

	No of cylinder in lakhs
1985-86	38 89
1986-87	36 83
1987-88 (as on 1-11-1987)	12 33

(c) The estimated demand for LPG cylinders during 1987-88 is about 24.00 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Us of Natural Gas for electricity generation

3000. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Principal Secretary E F E S A T. Department had discussions with the Secretary to the Mini try of Petroleum and Natural Gas about generation of electricity by using natural gas available in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed its desire to utilise natural gas that would be available in the Krishna-Godavari basin; for generation of electricity if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the ONGC would consider the location of a separate office in Andhra Pradesh exclusively for their operations in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for commitment to supply 3 5 lakh M3 of natural gas and to set up 3 units of gas turbines of 25 MW each.

(d) and (e) ONGC have already established a project office at Rajhamundri which is looking after all the activities of the Commission in the K.G. Basin.